

Support Not Needed in Stock List—Bears Make Little Headway—Local Market Slow

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CIGARETTES SIXTY YEARS IN ENGLAND

Sixty years have passed since Laurence Oliphant, the notable journalist, traveler and novelist of that day, stood sponsor for the introduction of the cigarette into England by being the first person to note to smoke the tobacco paper covered little rolls of tobacco publicly in London. At that time smoking was regarded as a vulgar and unbecoming habit. "Do you wish to be taken for an omnibus conductor?" was Charles Greville's question to younger men of his acquaintance whom he found smoking in the region of St. James.

But with the introduction of the cigarette that came with the dawn of the new century, the habit of smoking has become so widespread that it is now one of the first things to be noted in a new acquaintance. "Do you smoke?" is the first question asked. "Do you wish to be taken for an omnibus conductor?" is the first question asked. "Do you wish to be taken for an omnibus conductor?" is the first question asked.

OUCH!

"He's not what you call strictly handsome," said the major, beaming through his eyes at an utterly hideous baby as he lay sprawling in his mother's arms. "But it's the kind of face that grows on you."

"It's not the kind of face that ever grows on you," was the quick and unexpected reply of the maternal being; "you'd be better looking if it had!"—Roselied.

HAS TWENTY WIVES.

A remarkable trial on charges of polygamy had just come to an end in Minsk, Russia. A tailor named Pils was found guilty of having married twenty young women and was sentenced to four months in prison.

Worcester will see a track meet by electric light tonight.

Walker, the South African sprinter, is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Emil Dunn and Jack Kelly, two Wilmington sporting men, have taken hold of the Brandywine Springs Athletic Club and will reopen it as a boxing resort on September 24.

Capt. Rob Kelly, of University of Wooster, looked upon as the leader last year, will not be in school, having de-

clined to enter the University of Pennsylvania.

Tenpin Experts Jimmy Smith and Alex Dunbar, of New York, will make a tour of the West the latter part of this month.

Eddie O'Keefe has broken his hand and will be out of the game for several weeks.

Billy Hermann and Banty Hinkle are to meet in Philadelphia tonight.

"Wild Bill" Donovan and Willie Heston, ex-Michigan football stars, will open a billiard parlor in Detroit.

Fritz White, the Port Richmond welterweight, has started training for the winter season. He has placed himself under the management of Tommy Nelson, and is ready to box any man of his class in the country.

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Wholesale Produce Prices

Eggs, Cheese and Butter.

Cheese—New York flats, large, per lb. 19 1/2; small, per lb. 17 1/2. Eggs—Nearby, per doz. 36 1/2. Butter—Creamery, fancy, 24 1/2; renovated, 24 1/2.

Poultry.

Live Poultry—Chickens, spring, per lb. 18 1/2; hens, per lb. 16 1/2; young ducks, large, per lb. 16 1/2; small, per lb. 15 1/2. Turkeys, per lb. 15 1/2; geese, per lb. 15 1/2.

Fruits.

Fruits—Apples, new, per barrel, \$10.00; oranges, California, per box, \$2.00; apples, 2 1/2 bushels, per box, \$2.00; peaches, per basket, \$2.00; watermelons, 10 to 12 lbs., per carrier, \$1.00.

Vegetables.

Vegetables—New potatoes, per cbl., \$2.00; sweet potatoes, per cbl., \$2.00; cabbage, per barrel, \$2.00; squash, per crate, \$2.00; string beans, per bbl., \$2.00; lettuce, per bbl., \$2.00; radishes, per 100, \$2.00; onions, per bbl., \$2.00; corn, per doz., \$2.00; tomatoes, per box, \$2.00; green peppers, per bbl., \$2.00; eggplants, per doz., \$2.00; lima beans, per quart, \$2.00.

Live Stock.

Cattle, per lb. 5 1/2; lambs, 6 1/2.

THE CURE MARKET.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Thomas L. Hume, manager, 1901 F street northwest.

Open High Low P.M.

Bay State Gas	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
British Col. Cop.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Butte Coal	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Cumberland Oil	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Davis Duly	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Goldfield	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Goldfield Dally	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Greene Canyon	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Grover	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Elly Cent.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Ray Cent.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Navajo Cen.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Nevada Smelting	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Nipissing Mining	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Rico	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Chino Cop.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Union Cop.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Rawhide	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
La Rose	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
United Copper	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Yukon	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2

GOSSIP FROM WALL STREET

Harriman & Co.—Would take a trading position buying on weaknesses and selling on bulges. Market wants to go up and think it will do so in the not distant future.

D. W. Hibbs & Co.—It is stated in private circles today that the soft coal market is increasing enormously. This shows a larger manufacturing activity and means that the earnings of coal companies will be large as well as the earnings of railroads. The Norfolk and Western are the two companies which are heavy carriers of bituminous coal.

E. F. Hutton & Co.—It is generally expected that important banking support will be forthcoming to check any unfavorable news coming to light. Some of the news reports state that a meeting of financiers has been held within the last two days at which Morgan was present, and at which the representatives of leading financial interests agreed to give support to the market if the necessity should arise to do so.

A. G. Plant & Co.—Foreigners sold about 6,000 shares in this market yesterday. Aggregate sales fabricated structural steel in August were between 150,000 and 200,000 tons.

BRIDGE POLICEMAN INQUIRY BUREAU

Twenty-five minutes with the human question mark was enough to make the Metropolitan section scout believe everything he had heard of this man.

From 8 to 10 a. m. alternating each week, Policeman Charles Schlip of the Brooklyn bridge squad, whose name is a bridge as long as the average of 700 questions on all kinds of subjects put to him.

"You'd be surprised," said Officer Schlip, "to hear just what some of the people expect me to answer. The only thing I can say to you is, 'I don't know.' I have secured and the knowledge of things and places which this post has enabled me to acquire.

There are times when I feel as if I ought to get angry, but it wouldn't pay. A man that could not control his temper wouldn't last long in this job. If you really want to interview me, I think the best way is not to let me tell you anything, but to stay here a few minutes and hear for yourself.

Which was done, and though many strange and unusual questions were asked, many were answered. See how many of them you could.

The first to approach was a well-dressed man. He came up to me and said, 'I want to see a lady with a gray coat and a large black hat with red trimmings, call her. I'll be back in ten minutes. You haven't seen her, have you?' The next was a man who had been packing up and down for five minutes. 'My wife said she was going to meet me at the bridge entrance. Do you think she meant the New York or Brooklyn end?' That is what I said to him. 'The Brooklyn end,' he said, 'sighed Schlip when they had gone.

And then they came thick and fast. 'Can you get to Fulton street and Flatbush avenue and from there to the avenue in an hour? The steamer Bulwark is in from Australia, where does the dock? The Star-Spanned Banner, what are the directions on how to reach the docks in Brooklyn.

'What car do I take for Polhemus place?' 'How many flights up to the subway?' 'Are you issuing passes to the bridge tower?' 'Can I see the Hall of Fame and the Tomb and get back here in an hour?' Answer these, ye who muckrake the police!

OUR UNSINGABLE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Of all national anthems, doubtless the most difficult to sing is "The Star-Spangled Banner." Probably not one American in ten thousand can repeat the words of the song, and almost as few have the range of voice that is necessary to sing the highest note of the melody. Commander Wilson, of the Naval Training Station, has been must find it no easy task to enforce his rule that every naval apprentice should sing both "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "The Red, White and Blue."

The third stanza of the former is omitted—an excellent innovation, as it reflects only the passions of war long since ended, and adds nothing to the beauty of the song. Every Sunday morning the boys march to services on the parade grounds to the martial notes of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," trained in singing the highest note of the melody.

Fullman's effort to familiarize his charges with patriotic American airs is especially praiseworthy, if the naval apprentices are as pugnacious as the pupils in the public schools of New York. "The Loner" in Putnam's for September.

WASHINGTON GAS SOLD OFF TO 71.

GENERAL MARKET SLOW, BUT PRICES STEADY.

Comparative quiet was the order of the day in local securities. The feature was clearly the weakness in Gas, which touched 71 after opening 1/2 point above this figure.

Railway 4's sold at 87 1/2. President White, of the National Metropolitan Bank, leaves today for St. Louis. He will stop at a few other Western towns and be at the opening of the National Bankers' Convention at Chicago on Monday next.

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